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1. While the French are planning to support Ho Chi Minh covertly, they are also willing to conclude an agreement with the Chinese Communist Government.
2. The French are also willing to consider the recognition of the Chinese Communist Government if the Chinese Communists will pledge not to invade Vietnam.
3. The Bao Dai Government is very uneasy about French intentions and, as a counter measure, is contemplating uniting with Ho Chi Minh to pursue an anti-French policy.

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**Comment.** This report is illustrative of the apparent widespread rumors throughout Southern Asia concerning alleged negotiations between the French and the Ho Chi Minh Government. There has been no reliable information to indicate any official French intention to negotiate with the Vietnamese Communists and it is believed that these rumors are originated by elements wishing to cast suspicion on French intentions and plans in the area.

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